

Salvage Crews Comb Berlin For Treasures

BERLIN. They call themselves the "Kings of the Ruins." They are the men and boys who make a profession of digging in Berlin's thousands of bomb-riddled buildings for such treasures as scrap metal, plumbing and heating fixtures, furniture and wood.

This "treasure under the rubble" is a much greater lure now than the scrap metal for sale to junkmen for a few pennies. In Germany's battered cities, it's more dangerous, too.

Perilous Work. The greatest perk to the salvage gangs is the collapse of walls. Hardly a day passes in Berlin but someone is killed or injured in such an accident. Another ever present danger is the explosion of old bombs or other munitions in the ruins.

The salvagers have a system which requires that every working crew always must post a sentry to keep an eye on the weak walls. "We also post a sentry to keep an eye on the rats," one salvager said. "We run across some pretty big ones in the ruins, large and savage ones."

Smells of the Dead. "But no sentry could do anything about the terrible smells. They are the smells of the unburied dead of the bombing war, or dead animals and of stagnant pools."

These probes of the ruins need no maps to find the treasures they seek. "All one needs to know," said the foreman of one crew, "is the ordinary architecture of an apartment building. What we are after especially for salvage is the plumbing pipes and fixtures. Metal cave-treasures also fetch valuable returns."

Florida Honey Producers Use Boats to Raise Bees

WEAHTCHKA, FLA. — West Floridians say you need a boat to be a successful tupelo honey producer.

And they say the only place in the world where tupelo honey is produced in quantity is along the swampy banks of the lower Apalachicola river, where tupelo trees are found in great numbers.

There every year bees are brought by boat from the farm-lands where they have spent the winter.

Many of the hives are placed on high platforms by the edge of the river to protect them from spring floods.

During the brief tupelo season, the bees ignore other flowers to concentrate on the tree blossoms. The honey they produce is clear because it never crystallizes.

Senses Play Important Roles In American Merchandising

NEW YORK.—If you have ears, brother—yearn any salesman's prospect.

If you see well and have a sense of touch, you're the apple of his eye.

But if you can smell things, and also taste them, you're a sitting duck.

The sad tale of the man who goes out to buy a necktie and comes back with four suits, a bird cage and a string of saddle poms, is all too familiar.

Our senses betray us. They are an open door through which any modern salesman leaps with a ringing American hurrah.

This frank appeal to the senses is in no small way responsible for retail sales in the United States which, last year, amounted to more than 110 billion dollars.

Women Tosses Gem-Laden Shoes Into Burning Trash Pile

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Mrs. Hildegarde Sommerfeldt's shoes were worn out so she tossed them into a trash pile to burn.

She said she didn't know there were 50 diamonds in the heel of one of them.

Mrs. Sommerfeldt, 35-year-old Ripon, Wis., bakery employee, claimed her brother put the stones in her shoe when she visited him in Holland.

The brother, Fred Slater, charged that his sister and stolen 100 diamonds and other jewelry during her Holland visit. He lodged the complaint with federal authorities on his arrival in this country.

Mrs. Sommerfeldt said she did not find out about the gems until her brother told her the stones were in the left heel of one of her "old" shoes.

She said if there were 110 diamonds in the shoes, 50 or more must have been lost when she burned the shoes.

"He never said anything about it right then," she said.

Mrs. Sommerfeldt charged with smuggling, waived preliminary hearing at her arraignment before U. S. Court Commissioner Floyd E. Jenkins. Bail was set at \$5000.

Heiress Who Spurned Riches Meets in a Pauper's Grave

LOS ANGELES.—For 15 years, Harry Tennant, a millionaire lumberman, searched in vain for his missing daughter.

Once three years ago, he almost found her. But she sank out of sight again and he gave up hope.

A detective who never gave up his investigation told Tennant he knew where she was—buried in a pauper's grave.

Mrs. Janet Tennant McEvers, 36, heiress to five million dollars, died two years ago. Police said she had deserted a life of ease for the company of a Skid Row character called "One-Eyed Willie." He is now dead, too.

Sgt. E. F. Holmes of the missing persons bureau relentlessly tracked down the slim clefts which led to solution of the mystery.

Mrs. McEvers disappeared while a student at a music conservatory. She later was married and had a daughter.

Her husband died in the war. Her child, now a college student, is sold heiress to the fortune.

Traffic Signals Utilized For Large-Scale Cooking

PHILADELPHIA.—Large-scale cooking now is being controlled by signaling systems similar to those being used on highways and railroads.

"The new signaling systems," it was revealed by Lloyd E. Slater, food industry engineer for Brown Instrument Company, "will control large-volume cooking time and temperature, know no cooking cycle, in the processing of many different types of canned foods and dairy products. Field tests show that the system is providing higher quality foods, more uniform cooking, retention of original food flavor and a decrease in food losses."

The system includes sound signals or stop-and-go lights which automatically announce to processors the completion of cooking periods, or cycles, ranging from a few minutes to three hours.

Mother of Four Gets Degree After 13 Years of Study

PITTSBURGH.—Thirteen years of night school study, sandwiched between baby-sitting, housework and cooking, paid off for Mrs. Mary Virginia Geary. She finally got her college diploma.

The 32-year-old mother of four children graduated from Duquesne university's school of commerce with a bachelor of science degree.

One of the proudest spectators at the graduation was her four-year-old son, Kevin. The 11-month-old twin girls and Mark, eight, were also present.

"Mark said he'd rather stay home and play with his toys," his mother explained, "than go to school. You know what you think about your future and what you can do to make your future secure? There's no trick to security. Just enroll today in the school you want to go to."

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Patrolman Reports Murder of Wife to Police; Admits Guilt

DETROIT.—Howard Forman, homicide investigator, said that patrolman John Mudrick shot his wife to death, then methodically reported the slaying and helped three fellow officers in the routine of his own arrest.

Mudrick, 36, a suburban Dearborn policeman for four years, was held for investigation with no charge against him.

The victim, Clara Mudrick, 32, was found on the floor of her home face down, eight shots in her body.

Arresting officers said Mudrick told of quarreling with his estranged wife over her demand for a divorce. She agreed to give him one, according to their account, but would not put the agreement in writing.

Forman said Mudrick called police headquarters after the shooting and told the desk:

"There's been a shooting at 9325 Neckel avenue. Send an ambulance and the homicide detectives."

When officers arrived, Forman went on, Mudrick met them and said:

"There's the body. There's the gun."

Then, according to Forman, Mudrick stretched out his wrists for the handcuffs and added—"and here is your man."

Journal Recommends Bedside Manner for Animal Doctors

CHICAGO.—Future veterinarians should have the proper "bedside manner," in dealing with "patients," the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association says.

Understanding "the proper relation between the practitioner and the patients and clients" is just as important in animal medicine as in human treatment, the Journal says.

An intangible something tells the animal patients that, although the visitor is a stranger on the premises, he knows his way around with animals," the publication reports.

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Local Happenings

Recent visitors of Mrs. S. G. Anderson were Mrs. Mabel Wood Baker, of Abingdon, Mrs. Florence Lipscomb, of Farmville.

Mrs. Mary Sheets, of Clifton Forge has been spending sometime in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Newton Jennings. Other visitors in this home over the week-end were Cecil Sheets, of Richmond; Mrs. Ruth Jennings and son, Doug, of Bethany.

Mrs. S. J. Evans entertained on Monday evening with a surprise birthday dinner for her mother, Mrs. M. Troy, of Monroe, La., the guest of the Featherstone's.

Miss Lynole Atwood, of Richmond is spending this week with Mrs. L. L. Gayle.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Paulette and family have moved into the home on Route One, known as the Rufus Cawthorne home.

Mrs. Dudley Johnston, of Spout Spring visited Mrs. Monrope Richmond and attended the Atlantic Rural Exposition. Miss Wright returned for a few days visit with relatives.

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Uncle Sam Says

How about making Flag Day this year, Security Day for you and your family? The only way to insure your family's future is to insure your own future. What ever you do for your own future, good as buying United States Savings Bonds regularly through the payroll savings plan where you work, helps to stabilize America's economy. Help keep Old Glory flying over the land of the free and the home of the brave for your children and your children's children.

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Trinity Road

Trinity Road, Oct. 6.—Mrs. S. E. Anderson spent a part of last week with her daughter, Mrs. John D. Ripley, and family, in Lynchburg.

We are sorry that John P. Alvis, Sr. is on the sick, and hope he will soon be better and out again.

Miss Mattie and Raleigh Wright, W. E. Bondurant, Kelly Stratton, Mrs. Ola Patrick and daughters, Patsy and Jean, visited relatives in Danville last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Taylor, Mrs. Lula Taylor, Mrs. B. D. Stratton and sons, Ethelbert and Bill, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Watson in Staunton Sunday.

John Alvis was in Richmond on Tuesday and attended the fair.

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Texas Gophers Cause Damage Of \$5,000,000

DALLAS, Tex.—One of the greatest undermining influences in Texas is a bliscuit-bodied, Roman-nosed rodent called the pocket gopher.

This burrowing little fellow did at least five million dollars worth of crop damage in Texas in a recent 12-month period, according to Donald A. Spencer, government biologist, who has trapped thousands of gophers.

Besides destroying crops, these underground mischiefs dig holes in levees, undermine hard-surface roads and even cause train wrecks by tunneling beneath right-of-ways.

Spencer, speaking at a Dallas forum on rodent poisoning, called the gopher the most hermit-like and foul-smelling of all western creatures. A gopher stays strictly to himself all his life except for a few weeks when he is young and accepts during the brief breeding seasons.

Individual Tunnels. Every adult gopher has his individual underground system of tunnels, storehouses (Spencer calls them pantries) and sleeping dens. The female gopher-lady lays alone in her den when the little ones arrive. Usually, these tunnel systems are under cover of a drouth or a golf course or any place where there are succulent roots. The roots and other foodstuffs are gnawed into neat little strips and stored in the pantries for use when little is growing or there is a drouth. A gopher never drinks water. He gets enough moisture from the water content of the food he eats.

Besides his powerful claws, the gopher has long incisor teeth for digging. The mouth closes behind these incisors. The pocket gopher gets his nose and front paws on either side of his mouth. He uses these cheek pouches to carry food and to hand dirt out of the burrows.

Many Different Types. Spencer said that Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college investigators had found 18 types of pocket gophers in that state. A Dallas gopher is about the size of a house rat, only blunter of head, shorter of tail and much chunkier.

A gopher fits in his tunnel like a piston in a cylinder, Spencer declared. He can back up as fast as he can go forward. He's not polite, though, and when angry will attack any foe and fight to the death. Gophers won't live together in captivity. A few minutes after being caged they usually have a death struggle.

Spencer usually locates them by the mounds of fresh dirt which they throw out through a small hole while digging their tunnels. Then the biologist sticks a poisoned bait down the hole. After one gopher is killed, though, another seems to take over the tunnel system immediately.

About the only real service the pocket gopher performs is in improving sub-soil by dragging organic matter underground.

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